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SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop AF P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed February 3, 2004 and further to the after-final amendment submitted on January 9, 2004 (but not entered). The Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Applicant petitions for a two (2) month extension of the term. Applicant's undersigned representative also authorizes the charging of Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for the extension fee and any other fee that might be due upon entry and full consideration of this amendment.

Please amend the instant application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.